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1. An artillery range for testing heavy artillery pieces was located at Totskoye (52°31'N, 52°44'E) on the main rail line between Kuibyshev and Chkalov. The range was located immediately south of the village of Totskoye and was the only significant activity. During the period October 1941 - February 1942 ballistic tests were conducted on heavy artillery destined for the Soviet Army.
2. The range was in the process of being improved as regards roadways with the intention of making the installation a permanent part of the Soviet military establishment. Local chief of NKVD detachment, (fnu) Szkula, remarked at the time that the range would be improved to handle any tests required by the military. Szkula's mother was of aristocratic Polish birth and his father Russian. He spoke fluent Polish as well as Russian, was of medium build and had a pale, round face. His age would be (1953) about 50.
3. The range was located about two and one half miles south of village of Totskoye and railroad. Soroka River was western boundary and Samara River was northern boundary. An unsubstantial wire fence marked the eastern boundary. Firing was towards the south. Barracks within the range boundaries were wood, as were all service buildings. Electricity was provided by overland wire from Chkalov. Water for drinking and washing was pumped from a well into a water tower. The range was of undetermined length towards the south.
4. Railroad serving Totskoye was single track broad gauge, with numerous sidings along the route to Chkalov. A new highway connecting Totskoye and Chkalov was in the process of construction in period October 1941 - February 1942. It followed general route of existing dirt road but eliminated numerous curves and was hardtop.

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3. Enclosed is a diagram of the library room, including callouts.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Diagram of Totskoye Artillery Range

Enclosure A - Diagram of Artillery Corps

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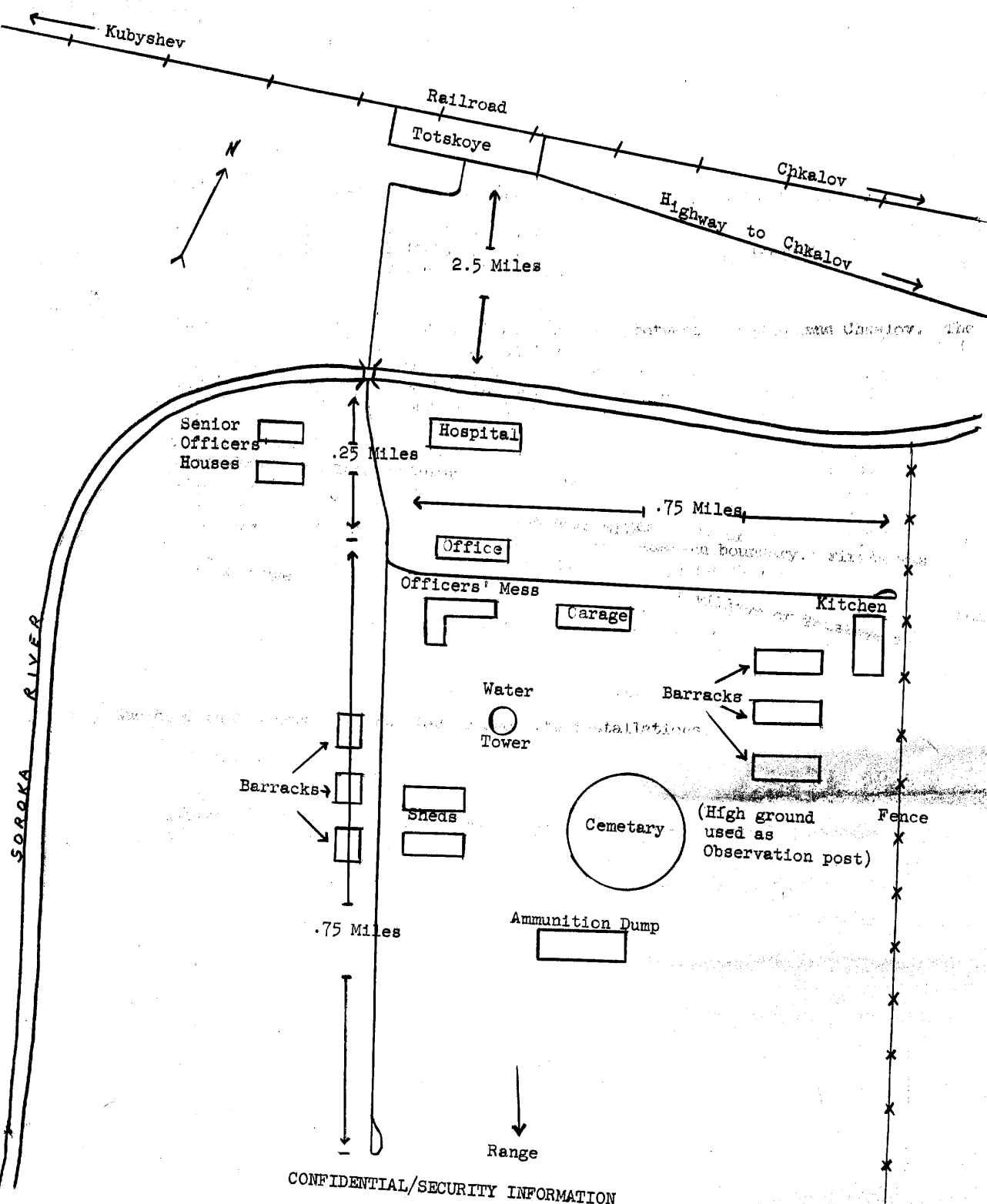
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ENCLOSURE (A)

TOTSKOYE ARTILLERY RANGE

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